



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held August 16, 2005 the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“Last year, approximately 7 million California residents lacked health insurance coverage. The County of Los Angeles, alone, has over 2 million uninsured adults. The growing numbers of uninsured, and increasing costs of medical care, are leaving hospitals, both public and private, financially burdened by uncompensated care. Consequently, private hospitals in Los Angeles County have been closing one by one, bottlenecking patients at the few remaining hospitals and overloading the County’s Emergency Medical Services system.”

“Now, in an effort to medically insure individuals Statewide, Senator Sheila Kuehl has introduced Senate Bill 840 (SB 840), the single-payer health care coverage legislation. This bill will provide health insurance coverage to all California residents through a single-payer insurance program operated by the State of California. SB 840 will help to meet the health care need for all Los Angeles County residents.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Burke, Yaroslavsky and Molina; Noes: Supervisors Knabe and Antonovich, the Board went on record in support of SB 840 (Kuehl), legislation which would provide health insurance coverage to all California residents through a single payer insurance program operated by the State, and instructed the County’s Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to pursue the County’s position on this important bill.

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Senator Sheila Kuehl